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13 14. (Amended) A method of retaining a flitch on a flitch table for [slicing] 54
cutting veneer from the flitch, the flitch table having a plurality of [stationary] pin dog, the
method comprising the steps of:

providing a flitch having a first plurality of holes for receiving the plurality 11, 56
of [stationary] pin dogs, said holes forming a plurality of engagement surfaces 11
positioning the [stationary] pin dogs in the first plurality of holes; and
moving the flitch and the plurality of pin dogs [generally longitudinally] into
engagement [with the dogs] to retain the flitch on the flitch table.]

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56 14 15. (Amended) The method of claim 14 [wherein the moving step includes the
step of] further comprising providing a second plurality of holes in the flitch, and providing
a plurality of pusher pins [and the flitch includes a], said second plurality of holes being
positioned for receiving the plurality of pusher pins.

Please add the following claims:

B 33. well 34. A method for retaining a tapered flitch for cutting veneer from its tapered
outer surface comprising


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providing a staylog with a plurality of dogs;
providing the flitch with a plurality of holes positioned to receive the
plurality of dogs;
providing relative motion between the plurality of dogs and the plurality of
holes; and
engaging the plurality of dogs with the flitch to retain the flitch in the staylog

for cutting.

35. The method of claim 34 wherein the plurality of dogs have projecting
surfaces and their relative movement with respect to the flitch engages the flitch.

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37. The method of claim 35 wherein the flitch is moved longitudinally along its central axis.

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